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-	TIE	PCT/EP00/00602	January 27, 2000	January 29, 1999 and March 12, 1999						
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APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US										
Johann Karl, Helmut Lill, Peter Stahl, Kerstin Krueger, Anneliese Borgya, and Andreas Gallusser Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:										
1.	This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371									
2.		☐ This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371								
3.		∑ This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).								
4.	A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.									
5.	\boxtimes	A copy of the International	Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).						
		a. 🛛 is transı	nitted herewith (required only if not trans	mitted by the International Bureau).						
	,	b. has bee	n transmitted by the International Bureau	ı.						
	c. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).									
6.		A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).								
7.		Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).								
		a. are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).								
		b. have been transmitted by the International Bureau.								
	c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.									
	d. have not been made and will not be made.									
8.		A translation of the amend	ments to the claims under PCT Article 19	9 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).						
9		An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).								
10	10. A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)) and/or amendments under Article 34.									
Ite	ms 1	1. to 16. Below concern of	her document(s) or information includ	led:						
11	. 🛛	An Information Disclosure	Statement (in duplicate) under 37 CFR 1	.97 and 1.98						
12	. 🗆	An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.								
13	3. A FIRST preliminary amendment.									
	A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.									
14	14. A substitute specification.									
15	15. A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.									
00. 19: PC	16. Other items or information: Form PTO-1449, Copies of Cited References, Copy of Published PCT Application No. WO 00/45176, Copy of German Priority Document Application No. 199 03 489.3, Copy of German Priority Document Application No. 199 11 044.1, Copy of Form PCT/RO/105, Copy of Request (Form PCT/RO/101), Copy of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/210), Copy of Form PCT/ISA/220, Copy of Form PCT/IPEA/401, Copy of Form PCT/IPEA/416, Copy of Form PCT/IPEA/409, 3.5" Diskette Containing Sequence Listing, Return Postcard.									

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17.⊠ The following fees	s are submitted:			CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY				
Basic National Fee (3	37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)):		*000.00						
Search Report has bee	en prepared by the EPO or JPO	\$860.00							
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Claims	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	24.040.00					
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b. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.									
 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. 									
NOTE: Where an appropriate time restore the application to pending s		495 has not been met, a	a petition to revive (37 CF	FR 1.137(a) or (b)) must b	e filed and granted to				
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CERTIFICATE OF VERIFICATION

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hereby declare that I am fluent in German and English, am a competent translator from German into English and state that the attached document is a true and complete translation to the best of my knowledge of the documents in connection with a PCT application, international file No. EP00/00602.

Dated this eleventh day of May 2001

Signature of translator:

Anette Roth